## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A communication apparatus comprises:

means for determining a number of radio frames of a fixed duration on each of one or more physical channels in accordance with a transmission rate of the physical channel, the radio frames constituting a unit by which processing of a logical channel is carried out;

means for mapping the logical channel into the physical channels; and means for transmitting a signal over the physical channels.

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